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Dear colleague,

Re: Flu vaccination for care home staff

We are writing to you to thank you for your help to date in supporting the delivery of the flu vaccination programme and to also ask for further concerted effort to maximise uptake for your care home staff.

Flu vaccination uptake for residents is very high, however due to several factors, uptake for care home staff in the East of England is well below target. We must vaccinate care home staff in order to protect individuals, your workforce and the residents they serve.

Many homes have already been successfully working closely with local community pharmacies to increase opportunities for staff to receive their vaccination. If your home has not yet been able to do this, or needs a renewed drive, we are writing to ask that you contact your local community pharmacy directly and make arrangements for your staff to be vaccinated. Staff requiring the vaccine can book an appointment directly, or depending on the numbers of staff you have, it may be more appropriate to discuss with the pharmacist any alternatives e.g. whether staff can be available if the pharmacist is attending the care home. It would be helpful therefore if you have details of the number of staff requiring the vaccination, prior to discussions with the pharmacist.

Please do contact NHS England (england.pharmacyeast@nhs.net) if you have any problems in engaging with your local pharmacy or if there are issues in your staff being vaccinated due to vaccine availability.

We also ask you to remind your staff to inform their manager and their GP when they have received their flu vaccine so that their records can be updated. Please also

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ensure that you update the capacity tracker accordingly.

Thank you for your support and continued efforts to keep everyone safe during this pandemic.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Oliver Jackson

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